The Mountain West Preparedness & Response Learning Center developed this online course for Tier II (mid-level) public health professionals. The Tier II target audience is defined as mid-level public health workers with 5 years’ experience and an MPH equivalent or higher degree; or 10 years’ experience with a high school diploma, bachelors, or non-public health graduate degree. This module integrates experiential learning and is competency and capability-based.

The Public Health Emergency Community Preparedness for Tribal and Rural Communities was designed for Tier II public health practitioners with the goal of helping them participate in the planning, implementation, and review of community emergency exercises. This experiential course examines the challenges of collaborating, coordinating, and engaging with internal and external emergency response partners during the recovery phase of an emergency. In this course you will:

- Assist a community in identifying vulnerable populations;
- Evaluate a community training plan;
- Assist a community in identifying local emergency response volunteers; and
- Update and emergency response plan based on lessons learned.

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Identify key aspects for local community emergency preparedness plans.
- Describe training and education opportunities which may incorporate community members when preparing for a public health emergency.
- Work in tandem with response agencies, community organizations and state/local/federal agencies when preparing for and recovering from a public health emergency.
- Identify methods of maintaining current and up-to-date emergency response plans based on lessons learned.

The Public Health Emergency Community Preparedness for Tribal and Rural Communities can be found on our training portal at:

http://moodle.publichealth.arizona.edu/